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AND AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on February 12, 2003, Applicant respectfully submits this Reply with a request for continued examination and entry and consideration of the following amendment and remarks. Applicant also requests concurrently a three-month extension of time to extend the period for timely submission of this Reply to August 12, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests that this application be reconsidered in light of the amendments and remarks set out as follows:

- Amendments to the claims is reflected in a listing which begins at page 2 of this paper; and
- Remarks begin at page 5 of this paper.